

**Opportunities for Employing Educated Unemployed Youth in
Tourism Sector**

† 4397. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have fixed any target to increase the employment opportunities for the educated unemployed youth in the tourism sector in the Ninth Five Year Plan;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of the achievements made so far in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR): (a) Department of Tourism Government of India does not fix any targets to increase employment opportunities in the tourism sector. However, through the efforts of the Central/State and UT Governments and the Tourism Industry Employment Opportunities are generated directly and indirectly by creation of Tourist Infrastructure, Human Resource Development, Marketing and Publicity etc.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) It is estimated that tourism sector generated direct employment opportunities of 14.39 million during the year 1998-1999.

**Master Plan for Hyderabad, Tirupathi, Visakhapatnam and
Nagarjuna Sagar as Tourist Attractions**

4398. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Andhra Pradesh Government has requested for sharing the cost of preparation of Master Plan for Hyderabad, Tirupathi, Visakhapatnam and Nagarjuna Sagar to attract tourists; and

(b) if so, the assistance proposed to be given in this regard?

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